

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRANSMITTING ARBITRARY FONT DATA  
TO AN OUTPUT DEVICE

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### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Apparatus and methods of transmitting arbitrary font data to an output device, such as a printer, are disclosed. The method comprises determining whether rendering information for the font data to be transmitted is resident on the output device. If the rendering information for the font data to be transmitted is not resident on the output device, rendering information for the arbitrary font data is transmitted directly to the output device.